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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUPC.I.G. DIRECTIVE NO. 6LIQUIDATION OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT

References: a. N.I.A. 3  
b. Minutes, N.I.A. 3rd Mtg., Item 2  
c. N.I.A. Directive No. 4

Note by the Secretary

At its third meeting, the National Intelligence Authority amended and approved Enclosure "A" to N.I.A. 3 (subsequently circulated as N.I.A. Directive No. 4). Concurrently, the Secretary of War amended and approved Enclosure "B" to N.I.A. 3, and it was issued in the form shown in Enclosure "A" hereto.

Pursuant to the above actions, the Director of Central Intelligence transmitted to the Director, Strategic Services Unit, the Initial Directive in Enclosure "B" hereto.

Texts of the enclosed directives are circulated herewith for the information of the National Intelligence authority and the Intelligence Advisory Board.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.

Secretary, N.I.A.

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ENCLOSURE "A"

War Department  
Washington 25, D.C.

3 April 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT:

Effective immediately, you are directed to continue the liquidation of the Strategic Services Unit (SSU) as ordered in paragraph 3 of the Executive Order dated 20 September 1945, subject: "Termination of the Office of Strategic Services and Disposition of Its Functions." The liquidation will be completed not later than 30 June 1947.

The liquidation of SSU will be coordinated with the development of the permanent peace-time intelligence program. You will carry out the liquidation in accordance with instructions of the Director of Central Intelligence or his designated representative. The Director or his representative will deal directly with you. He will have such staff as he requires working with SSU.

During the period of liquidation you will administer and operate the SSU so as to service, within your capabilities, the intelligence agencies subject to coordination by the National Intelligence Authority in accordance with directives provided by the Director of Central Intelligence or his designated representative. In addition, you will make available, within your capabilities, to the Director of Central Intelligence, upon his request, any facilities and services of SSU which may be useful in the performance of an authorized function of the Central Intelligence Group.

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Previous War Department instructions relating to this problem are amended accordingly.

/signed/ Howard C. Petersen

Howard C. Petersen  
The Acting Secretary of War

CC: G-2  
OPD  
Chief of Staff  
Director of Central Intelligence

Dispatched from OASW April 4, 1946

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ENCLOSURE "B"

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Office of the Director

4 April 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director, Strategic Services Unit

SUBJECT: Initial Directive

REFERENCE: N.I.A. Directive No. 4

Pursuant to the provisions of N.I.A. Directive No. 4, dated 2 April 1946, it is hereby directed that you administer and operate the Strategic Services Unit, War Department, in accordance with the initial policies set forth herein:

1. Operations.

a. Until otherwise directed, you will continue such operations, services and liaisons considered absolutely essential to

- (1) United States Armies abroad,
- (2) The United States sections of Allied Control Commissions,
- (3) Diplomatic missions,
- (4) Departmental agencies in the United States now being served.

b. You will perform such collecting missions, distribution, and other intelligence services as may be ordered from time to time by my representative.

c. Nothing contained in sub-paragraph 1-a will be construed as an authority for any expansion of the functions and facilities now operating, nor will additional personnel be assigned to duty outside the continental limits of the United States without the approval of my senior representative.

2. Administration.

a. You will continue the orderly liquidation of the Strategic Services Unit.

b. You will furnish the administrative support to Operations indicated in paragraph 1.

c. You will furnish such administrative support to the Central Intelligence Group as may be called for by my representative.

d. You will provide the necessary administrative facilities to effect the transition of personnel, funds, and communications, records, services and facilities, with the necessary means of maintenance, from SSU to an appropriate group in the War Department or to other appropriate agencies, as subsequently determined.

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3. Command Liaison.

Colonel Louis J. Fortier, USA, Assistant Director and Acting Chief of Operational Services, C.I.G., is designated as my senior representative. Further directives and orders will be issued to you by me or by my senior representative. You will keep my senior representative informed of the progress of the mission outlined herein. Captain Thomas F. Cullen, USNR, will be his deputy.

/s/

SIDNEY W. SOUERS  
Director

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